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FOOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

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MDA Poultry and Rabbit Slaughter and Processing Program
Packaged Label Examples

Random Weight Example

Fresh Whole Chicken
MDA Poultry Farm
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy
Annapolis, MD 21401
MD 543
Slaughtered 4/30/20102
Exempt PL-90-492
Net Weight: 3.32 lbs
Unit Price: $2.50 PER LB
TOTAL $8.30
Safe Handling Instructions: Keep refrigerated or frozen. Keep raw poultry separate from other foods. Wash working surfaces (including cutting boards), utensils and hands after touching raw poultry. Cook thoroughly. Keep hot food hot. Refrigerate leftovers immediately or discard

Random weight – each package is weighed and labeled with the actual net weight. Tare (package material) must be deducted to get net weight. No package can weigh less than the labeled weight. The total price is calculated by multiplying the actual weight times the price per lb. The unit price must be displayed as price per pound. Legal for trade scale not required.

Standard Weight Example

Fresh Whole Chicken
MDA Poultry Farm
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy
Annapolis, MD 21401
MD 543
Slaughtered 4/30/20102
Exempt PL-90-492
Net Weight: 3.5 lbs
TOTAL $8.75
Safe Handling Instructions: Keep refrigerated or frozen. Keep raw poultry separate from other foods. Wash working surfaces (including cutting boards), utensils and hands after touching raw poultry. Cook thoroughly. Keep hot food hot. Refrigerate leftovers immediately or discard

Standard weight – each package is labeled with the same weight. No package can weigh less than the stated weight. Tare (package material) must be deducted to get net weight. Not required to show price per lb. Legal for trade scale not required.